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## sports

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Montana's Grizzly baseball team is getting a two-week break from competition, and field manager Dewey Allen thinks the squad needs just that.

The Grizzlies have nine games behind them, and have ended up behind in six of them. Hitting hasn't been exactly major-league level (team average is .198), and Allen thinks a break with plenty of practice could turn the trick.

"The games we've already played don't mean a thing now, except that some have been rather embarrassing," Allen said. "The important thing now is that we get ready for conference action."

If things go right, the Tips will have one more non-conference foe, Montana Tech of Butte, before dipping into conference play. The Tech game is tentatively set for April 22 in Missoula.

After that, on April 26, the Grizzlies open league play against Montana State in Missoula. Montana beat the cross-state rival 8-1 during the Boise Classic Tournament earlier in April.

Allen's charges will have to face two of their toughest league foes, Weber State and Idaho State, on the same road trip, but will be able to tackle loop favorite Idaho in the home confines of Campbell Park in Missoula.

All-in-all, the Grizzlies will play 12 conference games, four against Montana State.

"Obviously, we've got lots of work to do on our hitting," Allen said. "I haven't been too disappointed with any of my pitchers. They can't do it by themselves. Somebody has to get some runs for them."

So Allen will be working his charges hard on their hitting problems. Leader Larry Slocum (.375) has been Montana's most consistent performer, but even .375 isn't very high for a team's leading hitter this early in the season, in Allen's book.

"We should have our third or fourth best hitter at about .350 or .375," Allen said.

"But I think we'll see definite improvement in the next couple of weeks."

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Other team leaders include Bob Glasgow of Billings in runs scored, 7; reserve outfielder Tim Sampson of Sidney in doubles, 2; Glasgow in stolen bases, 6; and third baseman Ron Brownlee of Billings in RBI, 4.

On the mound, junior John Kidd of Mountain Home, Idaho is tops in earned run average with a solid 1.13. He has given up the fewest hits, 10, runs, 8, and earned runs, 2, but has walked the most men, 16.

Gordie McManus of Great Falls has walked the fewest, 7, and lefty Carl Brown, also of the Electric City, has struck out the most, 21.

Montana's lack of batting punch is indicated by the small number of total bases, 57, that Grizzly hitters have struck for. By comparison, UM foes have piled up 79 total bases.

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(PICK UP STATS)



## 1969 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA BASEBALL STATISTICS (9 Games: 3-6)

PLAYER	AB	R	H	PO	A	E	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	HP	BB	SO	RBI	AVG.	LOB
Larry Slocum	24	1	9	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	.375	-
Steve Wheeler	11	1	3	5	3	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	4	1	.273	-
Mike Houtenon	4	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	.250	-
Bob Galbraith	25	5	6	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	5	1	.240	-
Ken Wise	30	3	7	14	11	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	5	2	.233	-
Tim Sampson	13	2	3	3	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	5	3	.231	-
Bob Atchison	15	1	3	30	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	3	.200	-
Lem Elway	5	1	1	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	.200	-
Roger Neilson	11	1	2	39	3	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	5	2	.182	-
Bob Glasgow	33	7	5	10	1	1	0	1	0	6	1	0	3	11	1	.151	-
Pat Shannon	22	1	3	22	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	.136	-
Ron Brownlee	24	4	3	11	16	4	0	0	0	1	2	1	6	11	4	.125	-
Mac Stevens	12	1	1	23	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	.083	-
John Kidd	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	.000	-
Carl Brown	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	-
Gordie McManus	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	.000	-
UM TOTALS	237	30	47	195	69	28	4	3	0	15	12	4	40	76	21	.198	62
OPP. TOTALS	250	41	56	197	74	21	11	3	2	11	4	2	45	66	28	.223	63

PITCHER	W	L	IP	AB	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HB	WP	BLK	ERA
Mike Acuff	0	0	1/3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
John Kidd	1	2	16	59	10	8	2	16	19	1	1	0	1.13
Lem Elway	1	1	21 2/3	87	22	13	8	9	17	0	2	0	3.32
Carl Brown	0	2	15	54	11	10	6	13	21	0	1	0	3.60
Gordie McManus	1	1	12	49	13	10	6	7	9	1	0	0	4.50
UM TOTALS	3	6	65	250	56	41	22	45	66	2	4	0	3.05

## RESULTS

UM 0, Nevada Southern 5  
 UM 6, College of Southern Utah 3  
 UM 5, Chico State 15  
 UM 2, Boise State 4  
 UM 0, Idaho State 3  
 UM 8, Montana State 1  
 UM 0, Northwest Nazarene 1  
 UM 1-8, Northern Montana 6-3